

## CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

## Southern News.

Governor Hampton's first veto was on the chain-gang bill, and the house sustained him by 102 to 10.

The American says: The population of Nashville and Edgefield, by absolute count, in 1877, shows 40,319—in which many thousands of suburbs are not included.

One-third interest in the Kinball house, Atlanta, was sold to Gen. Robert Tomb on Tuesday last for \$31,000. The hotel is now owned by three gentlemen and is valued at \$150,000. It cost \$50,000.

The demand for colored convict laborers is greater than the (Tenn.) penitentiary can supply. Colonel Cunningham, the lessor, finds no trouble hiring out his timid movements are not to be trusted. When once it has been insulted or injured by one of its kind, the dove becomes as cruel and outrageously heartless as any murderer can be. Some years ago I witnessed a fight between two female manning doves which for utter barbarousness could not be exceeded. It was sizzling in a brook for sun perch, half frozen on a grasy bank, lost in a brown study, with a cigar to my lips, when I happened to see a dove alight on a gnarled bough of a plane tree a few yards distant. Immediately it began to coo it that dolefully plaintive strain so well known joined by a mate, who perched himself within a foot or two of her. I spied their nest, not yet finished, in the fork of an iron-tree near by. The birds made very expressive signs to each other with their heads by a sort of bows, nods, and sideways motions, of which I understood enough to know that same intruder was near—perhaps the same. The fish did not bite, say too well, but the shade was pleasant and the grass fragrant, the sound of the water very soothing, and the flow of the wind cooling. And so, I did not care to move just to humor the whims of a pair of hawks. It proved, however, after all, that I was not the cause of their alarm. Another female dove presently dropped like a hawk from a dark, dense of leaves above the bough, and struck the bough with her back and wings. A fight ensued, witnessed with calm interest by myself and the male dove. At first the combatants struggled desperately together on the bough, fiercely beating each other with their wings, and plucking out the feathers from breast and neck, all the time uttering low, querulous notes, different from anything I had ever heard before. Pretty soon they fell off the bough, and came whirling down upon the ground, where they continued the battle with constantly increasing fury, their eyes fairly flashing fire, and cutting and thrusting with their beaks like swordsmen. Blood began to show itself about their heads, and in places their necks were quite bare of feathers. When at last one of them became so exhausted that further struggle was impossible, the other proceeded to take its stand upon his helpless opponent, and would have quickly made an end of him had I not interfered. The vanquished bird was minus on eye, and was unable to fly for some minutes. It was directed—this letter of letters—in one of those ringing Italian hands-on fashion. It was sealed with a black curving hair, coming down on his lotus bough in aByron peak. I used to dream of him, as I set like little Elsie, among the alders, with my feet in the brook, or as I rode along in the woods. I thought little of his pedigree, but I resolved that he must have a patrician Greek profile, dark blue eyes, and black curling hair, coming down on his lotus bough in aByron peak. I used to dream of him, as I set like little Elsie, among the alders, with my feet in the brook, or as I rode along in the woods. I thought little of his pedigree, but I resolved that he must have a patrician Greek profile, dark blue eyes, and black curling hair, coming down on his lotus bough in aByron peak.

Nashville American: Three hundred students are now attending Fisk university, of whom half are boarders. Every southern state is represented, besides the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Indiana. Chicago sends seven students. Only one hundred and twenty-five were in attendance at the dedication of Jubilee hall, between two and three years ago.

New Orleans Times: As an inducement to cotton growers in the southern states east of this city to ship to Europe via New Orleans, the cotton press has proposed on the 1st of September next to institute the price of compressing to 50 cents a bale. This, it is confidently believed, will induce this port an immense fleet of foreign steamers. The certainty of almost any required depth of water upon the bar, and the ready admission of the largest steamers, coupled with reduced railway freights and a marked reduction in the cost of handling, it is thought, will give to vessels leaving New Orleans almost a monopoly of the carrying trade, and will, of course, greatly increase the business of all those who live to fuel and ship supplies.

Captain Eads has given his view to the merchants of New Orleans regarding the protection of the Louisiana alluvial lands from overflow. In the course of his remarks he said: And inasmuch as I have been charged in a recent official letter, published by the chairman of the St. Paul convention, with hostility to the engineer corps of the army, it is proper that I should warn you against the persistent efforts of the friends of the outlet theory to induce the public to believe that I am making war upon the United States engineer corps simply because I oppose with all my might some of the dangerous errors which were advanced by Messrs. Humphreys and Abbott seventeen years ago in the delta survey, and which have been adopted by a portion of the corps, and which from the basis upon which the majority of the St. Philip canal rests; and that also of the United States' levee commission. This is simply a use to make the public believe that the theories and conclusion of "Humphreys school of engineers" are those of the entire corps, is grossly unjust to class in that school such engineers as Barnard, Wright, Alexander, Comstock, Merritt and others of the corps who never opposed the system which has given to your commerce a deep passage to the ocean, and who have never adopted the theory that alluvial channels will not become smaller by reducing the water flowing in them, and that crevasses and outlets will permanently lower the flood line of the river, and that the river is not flowing through a bed of its own deposits. On the contrary Gen. Barnard was the sole member who dissented from the views of the Fort St. Philip canal board, of which he was president, and who declared the jetties practical, using, in 1874, the memorable words: "The time will come when the people's cry for navigation impeded by locks—an open river mouth—will be heard." And even as early as 1852, Gen. Barnard, with Gens. Beauregard and Chase, all members of the corps, recommended the trial of jetties at the mouth of the river.

## From Washington.

The officers of the postoffice department estimate that the revenues of the department are now suffering not less than a quarter of a million dollars a month by the flood of stamps by post-masters at small country offices at a discount for use in cities and towns. The postmaster at St. Louis alone shows his office is defrauded of revenue to the amount of \$18,000 per annum this in

## Foreign Intelligence.

It is rumored in Japan that a notification will shortly be issued ordering the adoption of the foreign style of clothing by all officials of Imperial or Government appointment in *daijō kwan* and department of the imperial household. It is likely that this order will also be extended to all government departments.

Much alarm has been created at Moscow by the appearance of the Siberian plague. One day a laundress at the university, who was suspected of having died from it, was subjected to a post-mortem examination, with the result that the suspicions of the authorities were confirmed. Since then several other persons have succumbed to the same malady, which is more disastrous than either small-pox or cholera, and the police are taking every measure to prevent the disease from spreading. It is believed that the seeds of the plague were brought from Tiflis either by Turkish prisoners or Russian inmates.

It is stated on authority which cannot be questioned that 70,000,000 human beings are now starving in the famine-stricken provinces of north China. Imagination fails to cope with so gigantic a calamity. The London Times says we cannot doubt that if the Chinese have found their way to America from the comparatively prosperous eastern provinces by thousand, they will pour forth in myriads from the famine stricken districts of the north as soon as a way is opened to them. The Chinese difficulty may speedily become a greater menace to the future of the United States than the negro difficulty was at its worst. Negro immigration was never voluntary, and ceased with the abolition of the slave trade, while the Chinese tide begins to flow in force, it is difficult to see where and when it will stop.

## The Cruel Turtle Dove.

That trim, gentle-looking, drab-colored bird, erroneously called turtle-dove by dwellers in the United States, and generally deemed so innocent and pure that to kill it for the table or any other use is

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## FARM AND HOME.

Management of Hothouses and Cold-frames.  
The structure and management of a hot-bed is much the same as that of a cold-frame, with the exception that being started earlier, the requisite temperature has to be kept up by artificial means, fermenting manure being relied upon for the purpose, and the loss of this heat has to be checked more carefully.

Select the locality in the fall, choosing a warm location on a southern slope, protected by a fence or building on the north and northwest.

The situation should be dry underneath, sheltered from the north as much as possible, and fully exposed to the sun; it should be built up from two feet six inches to four feet high, and wider by six inches every way than the frame to be placed upon it.

Set pots in the ground, nail two boards to these parallel to each other, one about a foot in height, and the other toward the south about four inches narrower; this will give the sashes resting on them the right slope to shed the rain and receive as much heat as possible from the sun. Have these boards at a distance apart equal to the length of the sash, which may be any common window-sash for a small hot-bed, or the length of a usual garden sash for a large hot-bed, and nail them in place in the cross-bars to let the water run off. Dig the ground well (it is best to cover it in the fall with litter to keep the frost out), and take out all stones or cinders; then sift the earth, and let it remain closed three or four days that the soil may be warmed by the sun's rays. The two end boards and the bottom boards should rise as high as the sash to prevent the heat escaping, and the bottom board of a small frame should have a strip nailed inside to rest the sash on.

**COLD FRAME.**  
A cold frame is formed by placing the ordinary hot-bed frame upon a bed of light, rich soil, in some place in the garden where it will be protected from cold winds.

Bake thoroughly in superphosphate,

bone dust, or finely pulverized hen manure, and sow in rows four to six inches apart.

Thin out the tomato plants when quite small, but allow peppers to remain rather thick at first, by reason of the depletions of the cut worm.

As the season advances, raise the sashes an inch or two in the middle of the day, and water freely in the evening with water that is nearly of the temperature of the earth in the frame. As the heat of the season increases, whitewash the glass, and keep them more and more open until, at about the close of May, just before plants are set in open ground, allow the glass to remain entirely off both day and night, unless there should be a cold rain.

This will harden them, so that they will not be apt to be injured by the change.—[Rennie's Seed Catalogue.]

## Something About Sheep.

Mr. Henry C. Hallowell, of Montgomery County, Md., says there is scarcely a farm upon which a flock of sheep could not be raised, of larger or smaller size, and the profits derived therefrom would go towards paying our taxes.

The beneficial effect upon the land is well understood. He himself has repeatedly purchased *sheep* in the fall for from \$60 to \$80, and sold in the following spring nearly \$100 worth of lambs and wool, having the flock left in good condition. His plan of management is to bring up the sheep into a tight yard every night. This does not injure them in the most sultry weather, as they are creatures of habit, and immediately lie down and ruminate, and are then ready to go to sleep as soon as set out very early in the morning. By having the yard fence high and strong, they are secure from dogs. A three-quarter South-down buck runs with them, and the lamb comes in from the first of January to the middle of March. Last year his early lamb brought five dollars each, some of them not much over two months old. By having a good shelter, not too close, the lamb will do well, and after a few weeks old there should be a place for feeding them separate from the sheep. They will thus improve very rapidly, and soon be marketable. A pen made of poles across the sheep yard, adjacent to the lamb and not to the sheep, will answer the purpose.

## Covered Barn-Yard.

A Maryland farmer has a sensible article on covered barn-yards, which concludes in these words:

There is a three-fold advantage in these covered yards. 1. It is impossible to keep a yard in decent order in wet weather, especially in early spring, or to be occupied by dairy cattle at least, when it is exposed to the storms; and a roof is cheaper in the end than litter.

2. The cattle themselves will appreciate the benefit of shelter, and pay for it in contended looks, as well as in the more substantial results of the stall. In this sort of a yard, with water always at hand, they are not disposed to be uneasy.

It is the greatest cruelty and waste to break up a field, and then

wade through mud or snow, or walk on treacherous ice for one hundred yards, only to fill themselves over-full of water once a day.

3. Manure kept under cover from cold rains will decompose much faster than that exposed, and is in much better condition for handling, and is worth more when it is applied. Straw will remain a whole year in a wet yard, and yet seem as strong as when put in. Where room is of value, the consolidation of the manure pile by the constant pressure of the hoof is also an item. A yard under cover, where cattle are fed, can be traversed by man at any time without danger of offense.

## Cotton Planting.

The Southern Cultivator has the following judicious remarks on planting cotton:

Late-planted cotton grows off better than early-planted, but in localities where the seasons are short, it is important to plant early, to secure maturing of the crop. In such cases the plant may be pushed off by supplying it with easily assimilated food, immediately within reach, as by soaking seed in stable-matured water and rolling in plaster, or rolling in ammoniated fertilizers, or applying small quantities of these (say fifty pounds) in the drill with the seed. The manure should be dissolved bones or acid phosphate must not be used for this purpose, as they will injure the seed. Cotton should be planted very shallow—one inch is ample depth. But dry weather prevailing, it may not come up if the seed are so near the surface. The

old-fashioned plan of opening furrow with scoter and covering with two furrows of the same, and then knocking off with a board just as the seed is ready to come up, is the best, but it is slow and tedious. A planter with wheel running in bottom of furrow, and pressing the earth in a narrow drift into which the seed falls, and covering with a board pressed down by a spring or by a block, will, under certain circumstances, give a good stand. If the beds are rough and crooked, it is best to precede the planter with a harrow, which has been several times described by us heretofore, and which we will briefly describe again for the benefit of new subscribers. It is simply an ordinary triangular harrow, from two and a half to three feet in width behind, and with teeth set a little sloping backwards to prevent its fouling. The front tooth should be about six inches long, to clear the and the rearmost ten inches, the intervening ones increasing gradually in length from front to rear. Such a harrow will bug a bed, clear it off, and leave it elevated one and with a uniform rounded surface. We find it exceedingly useful in our own practice for smoothing and freshening the surface of beds. It is a great point gained in cotton culture to have the young plants in a straight row-line, on a smooth, gently-rounded bed—the first working can then so easily

## The Household.

**HICKORY-SUIT CARE.**—Two cupsful of sugar and one of flour well rubbed together; four tea-spoonfuls and two tea-spoonfuls of cold water, three cupsfuls of sifted flour, one tea-spoonful soda, two of cream tartar, two cupsfuls of kernels of hickory-nuts.

**CLOTHES.**—One cupful of wheat flour, two table-spoonfuls of royal baking powder, add to it one cupful yellow cream together one cupful butter, one cupful sugar, three eggs; add one cupful milk; stir well; then pour and beat. Bake in muffin rings in a hot oven.

**BROWN BREAD.**—Brown bread is one of the most popular New England preparations of Indian meal; and when carefully made and properly baked, it is an excellent and nutritious food.

My experience has not been very full, for I have only sown it to compare it with other clover. The results I have are reached are that while it is fully as good to give a good catch, it apparently makes a much superior hay. It grows thicker and finer, is less liable to lodge, is fed with less waste than other kinds of clover, and is eaten with relish by all kinds of stock.

Only a portion of the blossoms of each stalk are in bloom at a time, so it can stand longer without injury after it is first put to the crop.

**YORKSHIRE PUDDING.**—One cupful of flour, one pint of milk, two eggs; add a little salt, and mix into a batter; pour into the greased pan and bake under the heat; when nearly done remove the meat from the pudding; the eggs should be well beaten.

**FOOT MAN'S FRUIT CAKE.**—One cupful of raisins, one cup sour milk, two cups syrup, one cup butter or drippings, two tea-spoonfuls soda, two handfuls dried apples; so as to have two tea-spoonfuls of flour, and one cup syrup and let it simmer down almost dry. Stir quite thick, then add the nut bread; turn out and garnish with nut bread.

**VEAL CARE.**—Cut slices of cold roast veal and boil them, very thin—there should be as many slices of veal as of ham; cut three or four hard-boiled eggs into slices; chop a few sprigs of parsley fine; batter a mold, and put in alternate layers of veal, ham, egg, and parsley—reasson each layer with pepper and salt; fill up with good stock, and bake in a brick oven about one half hour; when nearly done remove the meat from the pudding; the eggs should be well beaten.

**Wheat Constitutes Good Farming.**

Col. John H. Dent, a large and successful farmer of Floyd County, Ga., adds a contemporary to give an article on the subject: "What constitutes good farming?"

It is a proper question for discussion in an agricultural convention or journal, but one on which opinions differ about as much as soils, climates and traditions differ among mankind. The farmer who takes even the smallest pains, however, produces the best growing crops, with least expense and labor to the land.

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FRIDAY, :::: MAR. 8, 1873.

Advertisers must send in their favors by 8 o'clock Thursday morning to insure their appearance in Friday's paper.

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**IN THE FIELD.** —We are authorized to announce Mr. John Andy Wilson, as a candidate for re-election in the office of County Court Clerk. He is one of the best officers in the State, and this the people know, from long and faithful service. Further communication is not necessary.

The live stock trade of this county is growing in importance. At Jordan Station they have shipped since September 48 cars of cattle, hogs and sheep, and about the same amount from Crosses' Station. Besides considerable shipments have been made from Hickman, Fulton and Moscow.

Mrs. Annie Wilson, one of the fairest young ladies of Fulton county, was married at the residence of her father, Dr. H. H. Wilson, by Elder J. H. Rothwell, to Mr. Blountworth, of Galtier Station, Tenn., on Wednesday night last. May every blessing attend them.

**100 YEARS OLD.** —Mrs. Oney Sulby, who died in this county, Sept. 18, 1871, was aged 100 years 3 months and 27 days. She was born in Virginia, May 22, 1877. She raised 8 children, and had 79 grandchildren, and 95 great-grandchildren. She lived the greater part of her life in Tennessee, near Nashville, but has relatives in this county.

**B. BEATTY, Dentist.** —Has moved his office to Gleeson's Building House, corner Kentucky and Clinton streets. Parties wishing to employ him will please call and make their engagements, for he will not tarry long after his engagements are all filled. [more]

**MICHAEL ANTONIO.** —Mr. Jones editor of the New Madrid Tribune, was in Hickman Monday, in pursuit of a printer by the name of Getis, who had been in his employ for sometime past. Mr. Jones brought Getis into Kentucky to collect a \$25 note due Mr. Jones. Getis collected the money, as we understand, but instead of returning to New Madrid, started his journey up the river. He passed through Hickman Saturday, made some purchases, and left here on the Nashville train. Mr. Jones has followed on his trail, and has the assistance of some good detectives, and the prospects are that they will overhaul him.

**THE MURPHY MOVEMENT.** —The Murphy have made some progress the past week, probably between two and three hundred names being added in this section. At Fulton 100 names, making their Club over 500 strong; at Woodland Mills, over 100 joined; at Kirks school house, on Sunday last, 41 signatures were obtained; at Kynkendall's school house several names; and more than 50 private signs.

The Murphy Club had a meeting Sunday evening at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock, for the day's work. The Club had an interesting talk from Rev. Mr. Futral, of Union City, and others. The proposition for the establishment of a permanent Reading Room was introduced and discussed, and a number of donations made. On Monday night a mass meeting was held at the Methodist church, and though no regular oration of the evening was present, the Club enjoyed a number of interesting speeches from home members. Among them Judge Kingman, Dr. Corbett, W. H. Gardner, George Wilburn and others. The speeches of these gentlemen were in excellent taste and well delivered, and had a great popularity.

The Executive Committee are preparing to extend the Murphy work in every neighborhood in the county and surrounding country, and speakers are voluntary making all appointments at the different churches and school houses as they may be made.

The Murphys were to hold a mass meeting last night, on which occasion Mr. W. P. Jones, of Nashville, was expected to deliver an address, but we were unable to make a report.

**SELLING TO THE HIGH POWER.** —The novel spectacle of selling negro to the highest bidder, was witnessed on the streets of Hickman, on Saturday last. Mr. James Burksdale was the auctioneer, and as the negro man stood on the block, and felt, crying the bids, it revived reminiscences of old and by-gone days. The colored people crowded around in anxious expectancy, and strange to say, every one seemed to approve the sale. The negro sold was one John Cooper, who had been previously tried and convicted as a vagrant, and the verdict of the jury was, that he should be sold into servitude for six months, as the law provides and directs. The testimony against John was to the effect, that he had no visible means of support, and that work he would not do, though starvation seemed to stare him and his family in the face. He is apparently a total idler.

Such bad, bad, bad, but is constitutionally opposed to all manner of physical work or personal exertion. This man is yet endowed with the elective franchise, eligible to any office within the gift of the people from President down, and may yet live to assert and prove his sovereignty. He was purchased by Mr. Chas. Holcombe, who thereby acquires the distinction of being the only slave owner in this section, or perhaps in the United States. Cooper was fortunate in securing a good master, and in fact personally requested that Mr. Holcombe should buy him. We trust this occurrence may have a good effect on various characters.

The Louis Journal facetiously remarks: "The Doctor of our Pathos won't have time to make its appearance before it's late."

**No More Details.** —The following in the full text of an ad recently published throughout Fulton county in connection with a petition to procease heavy taxes. Madrid Bend has reported losses 50% or 60% and suffering losses all through the country. We hope it will not prove as bad as present reports indicate. We are sorry for the unfortunate. These reports were and failures, and some said were very serious should reach our farmers, to their business at home, and build up home markets. Ship your produce to market, and sell it at a profit. We are establishing a branch house at Melton, Mo. We wish them success.

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**GRAND CLEARING OUT OF FALL GOODS.** —FOR the next TWENTY DAYS, we will have an admirable plan of sale at Grapp's General Store. Every week man is in a sense a partner, because outside of his wages a sum increases and is put aside for him according to the profits of the shop in which he works. At the end of sixteen years it would usually yield as much per week as his wages. Single men can live well on twenty one cents a day. The bread and supplies of the shop supplies bread to the hand at one price. The secret of the cheapness is that there are no middlemen and no illicit or dishonest gains made on anything.

**A DISGRACE TO AMERICA.** —The ears of Free Cuba has received a staggering blow if not fatal by far the severest which that sacred cause has ever yet sustained.

After fighting heroically for nine months the valiant troops of the Cuban revolutionaries have capitulated. All the generals of the Central Department have surrendered to the Spanish Commander-in-Chief, and are being used by him to induce their companions in arms, in the departments to follow their example.

It is hard to incite men who for many years, almost entirely self supporting and self dependent, and pitted against such odds, have held out so long, and still sustained. They will prove a great auxiliary to the culture and improvement of our society. Aside from Morphyism, such an institution deserves the encouragement of the business and public generally. Some years ago a reading room was established under the management of our worthy townsmen, Mr. French, which was a pride and ornament to the community, but through the neglect and indifference of the public, it was permitted to languish and die. This hall is centrally located, and is large and commodious, and if encouraged and sustained will be a great auxiliary to the culture and improvement of our society. Aside from Morphyism, such an institution deserves the encouragement of the business and public generally. 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